

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

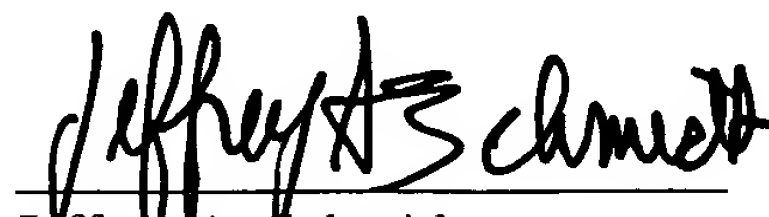
The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,315,456 to Tanimoto et al. (hereinafter Tanimoto) in view of the Purecoat International, LLC internet publication (Copyright 2000) (hereinafter the Purecoat publication). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the Purecoat publication is not prior art. As discussed in the February 27 telephone interview, the date of copyright is its date of creation, not necessarily the date of publication. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to properly establish the Purecoat publication as prior art under MPEP § 2128. In light of the above, this rejection is believed to be in error, and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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